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APPLICATION

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SPECIFICATION

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN THAT WE, SHELTON L. REID and SCOTT
25 WALLACE, citizens of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have invented a
new and useful DOLL ASSEMBLY of which the following is a
specification:

DOLL ASSEMBLY

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to doll devices and more particularly pertains to a new doll device that includes body parts that move and bob with respect to each other when the doll is moved.

15 Description of the Prior Art

The use of doll devices is known in the prior art. While these devices fulfill their respective, particular objectives and requirements, the need remains for a device that includes a torso section movably coupled to
20 legs and a head that is movably coupled to the torso section so that the torso section moves with respect to both the head and the legs.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

25 The present invention meets the needs presented above by including a torso section attached by springs to legs and a head so that the torso bobs and moves with respect the legs and the head. This action provides more of a dancing movement than simply a bobbing head as found in the prior art.

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To this end, the present invention generally comprises a base that has a top side. A set of legs is integrally attached to and extends upwardly from the top side. The set of legs has an upper end that is attached

together. A torso section has bottom end and a top end. Each of a pair of arms is integrally attached to and extends away from the torso section. A neck is integrally attached to and extends upwardly from the top end. A first spring attaches the torso section to the set of legs such that the torso
5 section is movable with respect to the set of legs. A head has a bottom side. A second spring attaches the neck to the head such that the head is movable with respect to the neck.

There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important
10 features of the invention in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

15 The objects of the invention, along with the various features of novelty which characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure.

20 **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

The invention will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference
25 to the annexed drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a schematic front perspective view of a doll assembly according to the present invention.

30 Figure 2 is a schematic front cross-sectional view of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a schematic cross-sectional view of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

5 With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to Figures 1 through 3 thereof, a new doll device embodying the principles and concepts of the present invention and generally designated by the reference numeral 10 will be described.

10 As best illustrated in Figures 1 through 3, the doll assembly 10 generally comprises a base 12 that has a top side 14. A set of legs 16 is integrally attached to and extends upwardly from the top side 14. The set of legs 16 has an upper end 18 wherein each of the legs of the set is
15 attached together. The set 16 preferably includes a pair of legs each having bottom portions 20 defining feet.

A torso section 22 has bottom end 24 and a top end 26. Each of a pair of arms 28 is integrally attached to and extends away from the torso
20 section 22. The arms 28 preferably terminate with hands 30 being integrally attached thereto. The bottom end 24 of the torso section 22 has a well 32 extending upwardly therein. The well 32 preferably has a frusto-conical shape. A neck 34 is integrally attached to and extends upwardly from the top end 26. A first spring 36 attaches the upper end 18 of the set
25 of legs 16 to an interior surface of the well 32 such that the upper end 18 of the set of legs 16 is positioned within the well 32. The first spring allows the torso section 22 to be movable with respect to the set of legs 16. The first spring 36 is generally vertically orientated so that the torso section 22 extends upwardly from the set of legs 16.

A head 38 has a bottom side 40. The bottom side 40 has a hole 42 extending upwardly therein. The hole 42 preferably has a frusto-conical shape. The head 38 preferably includes a face and other details so that the head appears to be the head of a person. Ideally, the head 38 is oversized
5 with respect to the torso portion 22. A second spring 44 attaches the neck 34 to an upper wall of the hole 42 such that the neck 34 extends into the hole 42 and the head 38 is movable with respect to the neck 34. The second spring 44 is generally vertically orientated for the same reason as the orientation of the first spring 36.

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Figure 3 depicts couplers 46 for attaching the springs 36, 44 the body sections 16, 22, 38 of the doll assembly 10. The couplers 46 have first ends 48 that are extended into the body sections of the doll assembly 10 and a second end 50 having a channel 52 therein for receiving an end of
15 the springs 36, 44. The channel 52 is arcuate so that the spring may be twisted into the channel 52. The couplers 46 offer an efficient way of attaching the springs 36, 44 to the body sections while also allowing the body sections to be replaced or changed.

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In use, the doll assembly 10 is stood in an upright position. When moved, the torso 22 and head 38 move with respect to each other and with respect to the set of legs 16.

With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that
25 the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of the invention, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be
30 encompassed by the present invention.

Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and
5 described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention.